

# Road Safety Education in Hampshire

The Primary Road Safety update

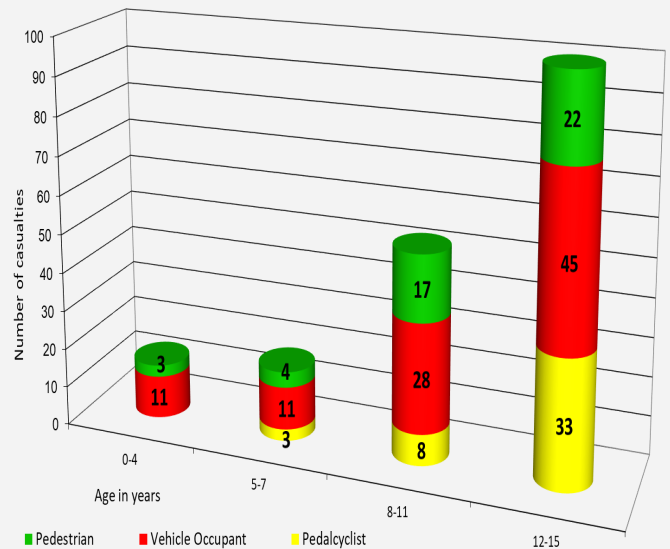
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Everyone has the right to travel safely and with six children seriously injured or killed across the country every single day, young people must be aware of the dangers of the road from a very early age.

The graph opposite displays the child casualties from 2020 in Hampshire - the 185 children and young people who were injured, seriously injured or killed between the age of 0 - 16 years on Hampshire's roads.

We are asking all schools to support us in our work to save children's lives. Below and overleaf are various ways you can support us in helping keep your pupils safe when on or near the roads.

All our schemes and campaigns are free of charge to all schools, you just need to sign up and us educate young people.



## Walk to School Week 2022

Monday 16 May - Friday 20 May 2022

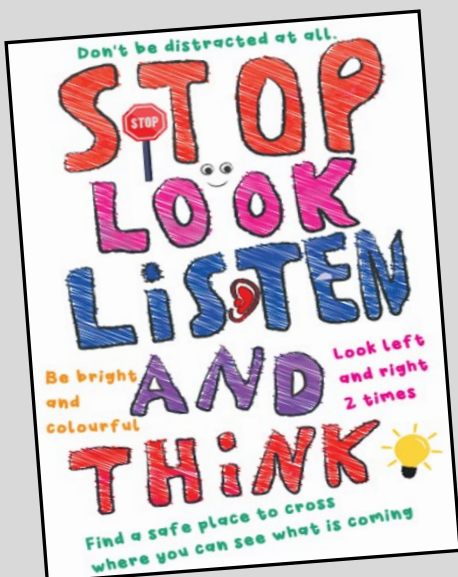
Register now to take part in this year's Walk to School Week, being held from Monday 16 May - Friday 20 May 2022. Help us to promote our pedestrian safety messages to your school community by encouraging parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school every day for one week.

Taking part in this week gives you the opportunity to promote healthy living, reduce congestion outside your school as well as teaching essential pedestrian and road safety skills. It can work alongside the WOW scheme to promote sustainable travel for the whole week - encouraging parents to park further away from school and walk part of the way.

Please note, after gaining feedback from schools, we are offering online resources as well as paper copies of the material. Each registered school will receive a letter to parents as well as a class wall chart and a certificate. Please register at the link below and inform us how you would like to receive your material.

To register, please complete the form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/HvL1f1Dzm6>.

Also, see overleaf for an exciting pedestrian safety poster competition linked to Walk to School Week.





## CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING SCHEME

Streets Ahead aims to raise children's observation and awareness skills so they are safer crossing roads with an adult. It uses the fundamental principals of the Green Cross code, whilst bringing alive the dangers of distraction, poor concentration and unsafe places to cross the road.

Streets Ahead is offered free of charge to all schools in Hampshire and after volunteers have attended the training, the sessions with the children can be arranged at your school's convenience. Instructors are now trained virtually via Teams by a road safety officer; we have the following sessions available for this term:

- **Monday 17 January from 10:-00 – 12:00**
- **Monday 31 January from 10:-00 – 12:00**
- **Thursday 17 February from 10:-00 – 12:00**
- **Thursday 3 March from 13:00 – 15:00**



Your school needs enthusiastic volunteers, who could be LSAs, parents, grandparents or governors. They would need to attend the training to run the three practical sessions with the children. A road safety officer will lead the training and then risk assess a route for your instructors to use.

If you would like more information or would like to register a member of your school community for one of the sessions above, please email Aaron Gallimore on [road.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@hants.gov.uk).

## Top tips for safe cycling!

Share these tips with your pupils to ensure they stay safe on their bikes this term.

- **Make eye contact with other road users to signal your intentions and to be sure that they have seen you.**

Treat every driveway like a side road and watch for traffic emerging from the driveway. Do not assume that a driver backing out of a driveway has seen you.

- **Turn on your lights**

Turn on both front and rear lights whenever visibility is reduced. Aim your rear light to the traffic behind you and aim your front light on an angle for vehicles to see you and for you to be able to see the road.

- **Dress bright and be seen**

Visibility is poor in wet weather and motorists may have more difficulty seeing you. Be sure to wear bright and reflective clothing at all times.

- **Test your brakes**

Brakes work less effectively when wet, especially during the initial exposure to wet conditions. If possible, try them out on a quiet street to test their stopping power before heading into heavier and faster traffic.

- **Avoid puddles** when possible, since they might hide potholes, broken glass or other surprises.



# Virtual JRSO training

The Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme helps us share our key messages to primary aged children across Hampshire. Having highlighted the importance of road safety education, we want to draw your attention to how you can support us in sharing these messages to young people in Hampshire.

The JRSO scheme allows pupils to have ownership of theirs and their peer's learning by leading activities and assemblies to share our key messages. JRSOs can be creative and consider ways of having fun whilst educating the children in their school about the dangers of the road and how to keep themselves and others around them safe.

We are continuing to offer virtual training via Microsoft Teams. Children can be on video or watch and participate in the presentation off camera.



After attending the training, the children will have the knowledge and ideas of how to teach their peers and will continue to receive support and ideas throughout the year of different campaigns and activities they can run. The JRSOs can be from Year 5 and 6 and for the virtual training, you can to invite up to 4 children. **Please see below for dates and times available for new schools who don't already have JRSOs.**

Training is offered in a 1 x 2 hour session or 2 x 1 hour sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday 27 January from 13:00 – 15:00
- Wednesday 2 February from 13:00 – 15:00
- Friday 4 February from 13:00 – 15:00
- Wednesday 9 February and Friday 11 February from 14:00 - 15:00

To register for the training, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/vYPBnJieGR> and select your choice of training and date.

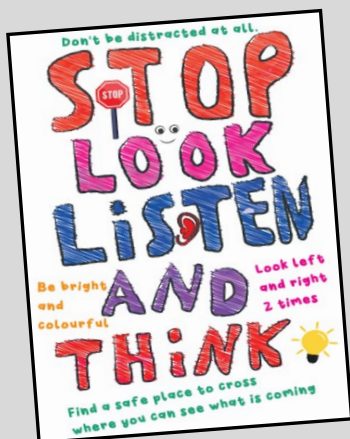
## Pedestrian safety competition

To promote our pedestrian safety message during Walk to School Week in May, we want your pupils to design a pedestrian safety poster – register now to take part.

Last year's competition was a big success and it was fantastic to see how many children had thought about how to be a safe pedestrian so we are relaunching the competition to gain a fresh new design for 2022.

**What do you need to do?**

Register to take part by emailing [road.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@hants.gov.uk). Once registered, you will receive a presentation which we ask you share with your pupils. Then set them the task of designing a poster which needs to include some of the following points:



- **Green Cross Code**
  - Stop, look, listen and think
  - Find a safe place to cross where you can see what is coming
- **Be bright be seen**
- **Giving the road their full attention**

The winning artwork will be used on the wall planner, parent letter and certificates and will help us share our pedestrian messages with the children and their families who take part. **Please note, the closing date for the road safety team to receive the entries is Monday 24 January 2022.**